

HOUSE No. 1558

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the motor vehicle insurance system. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Susan Williams Gifford
Mary S. Rogeness	Robert S. Hargraves
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STUDYING THE MASSACHUSETTS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 There is hereby established a special commission to study the
- 2 rules, regulations, operations and laws relating to the system of
- 3 automobile insurance in the commonwealth.
- 4 The commission shall be chaired jointly by the house and
- 5 senate chairpersons of the joint committee on insurance or their
- 6 designees, and shall consist of the following: two members of the
- 7 house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the
- 8 house; one member of the house of representatives, to be
- 9 appointed by the house minority leader; two members of the
- 10 senate to be appointed by the senate president; one member of the
- 11 senate to be appointed by the senate minority leader; the attorney

12 general, or his designee; a member of the Commonwealth Auto-
13 mobile Insurers, so called; a member from the Massachusetts
14 Association of Insurance Agents, so called; and a member from
15 the Automobile Insurers Bureau, so called.

16 The commission shall study the equality and efficiency of the
17 present system of automobile insurance in the commonwealth.
18 Said study shall include, but not be limited to, the following
19 issues: (i) the feasibility of moving the commonwealth from the
20 present automobile insurance system to a competitive system;
21 (ii) the efficiency of the existing Safe Driver Insurance Plan,
22 including, but not limited to, the six-year experience period, so
23 called; the minor at-fault accident threshold, so called; the clean
24 slate rule, so called; and antiquated traffic law violations.

25 The commission shall submit the results of said study, along
26 with drafts of proposed legislation and a plan for the implementa-
27 tion of any recommendations to the house and senate committees
28 on ways and means, the clerk of the house, the clerk of the senate,
29 and the joint committee on insurance not later than October 31,
30 2006.